(b) whether it is a fact that guards of Shahdol were punished for not taking/keeping clamps as an equipment when they were not given clamps at any stage and that there no chains, lock and key; and

(c) if so, the reasons for awarding such punishment?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 45 guards of Shahdol of Bilaspur Division had accepted the supplies of clamps including chain, lock and key till March, 1993 as a safety equipment to be used on goods trains.

(b)) and (c) At no stage was there any shortage of the safety equipment of clamps for supply to the guards of Shahdol. A number of guards refused to accept the supplies. 7 guards were taken up under Disciplinary and Appeal Rules for not fixing Last Vehicle Indicator on the goods trains, which ensures safety in train operations.

Shortage of Wagons for carrying Timbers

5747. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several lakh c. m. of sawn timbers are lying at Murkongselek Railway Station (NEF RLY) which were booked many months back for want of wagons;

(b) whether Government had received any communication from the Station Master of Murkongselek Railway Station regarding wagon order; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to clear the backlog and to earn heavy revenue thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Wagon demand pending at Stations are communicated by the Station Masters on a day to day basis. During 1993-94, a total of 2107 wagons for sawn timber were loaded and demand for 222 wagons were withdrawn. The pending demand at the end of March, 1994 was nil. During April '94 (up to 21st) 272 wagons have been loaded.

Announcement of arrival of trains

5748. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains which arrived at Shahdol Station on Bilaspur Division on 13th February, 1993 and 14th February, 1993;

(b) whether all these arrivals were announced at the station; and

(c) if not, what action is being taken against the officials concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) On 13-2-93 & 14-2-93 announcements regarding arrival of trains at Shahdol station were made as usual.

Statement

I. *Details of trains which arrived Shahdol station on* 13-2-93:

Train No. & Name	Actual time of arrival
1. 8236 Up Bilaspur—Bhopal Express-eum-Passenger	1.35 Hrs.
2. 4260 Dn. Varanasi—Durg Sarnath Express	1.45 Hrs.
3. 8235 Dn. Bhopal—Bilaspur Express-eum-Passenger	2.35 Hrs.